

Boulder Parks & Recreation

# Volunteer Services

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## 2017 Impact Report





# Year In Review

Across our nation, 2017 presented communities with natural and social challenges like fires, storms and even social unrest. Time and again, neighbors and friends came together, offering their time and talents as a source of strength to increase the resilience of places they call home. This dedication is the beauty of volunteerism – our collective service gifted to the community.

Here, in Boulder, Colorado, 2,445 members of our community dedicated over 30,550 hours of service to Parks and Recreation this past year. This Volunteer Services 2017 Impact Report highlights their accomplishments and reflects ongoing commitments, such as serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and participation in one-day projects like tree plantings.

While the time and talents of volunteers might be quantified in this report, the relationships built and sustained through their experiences are not. Each volunteer contribution has helped make Boulder a better place. For that, we share our most sincere gratitude.

- Boulder Parks and Recreation Volunteer Services Team





# Year In Review



**2,445**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF VOLUNTEERS

TOTAL HOURS  
CONTRIBUTED



**30,555**



**793,513**

TOTAL  
VALUE\*

\*Total value based  
on Colorado's rate  
of \$25.97 per hour

COMPLETED ONE  
DAY PROJECTS



**72**



**8**

RECURRING  
ANNUAL PROGRAMS

**2017**



**2,494**



**35,550**

**2016**



**2,286**



**26,076**

**2015**



**3,734**



**28,896**

**2014**



# Annual Snapshot

"Creating a nice, safe space for *neighbors* and pollinators."

- Adopt-A-Flower Bed Volunteer



"Getting involved locally and sharing with my kids the joys and impacts of **GIVING BACK** where we live!"

- Mother of Three, Project Volunteer





# Annual Snapshot



"Volunteering made me feel **connected** to my community and part of something larger than myself."

- Park Partner



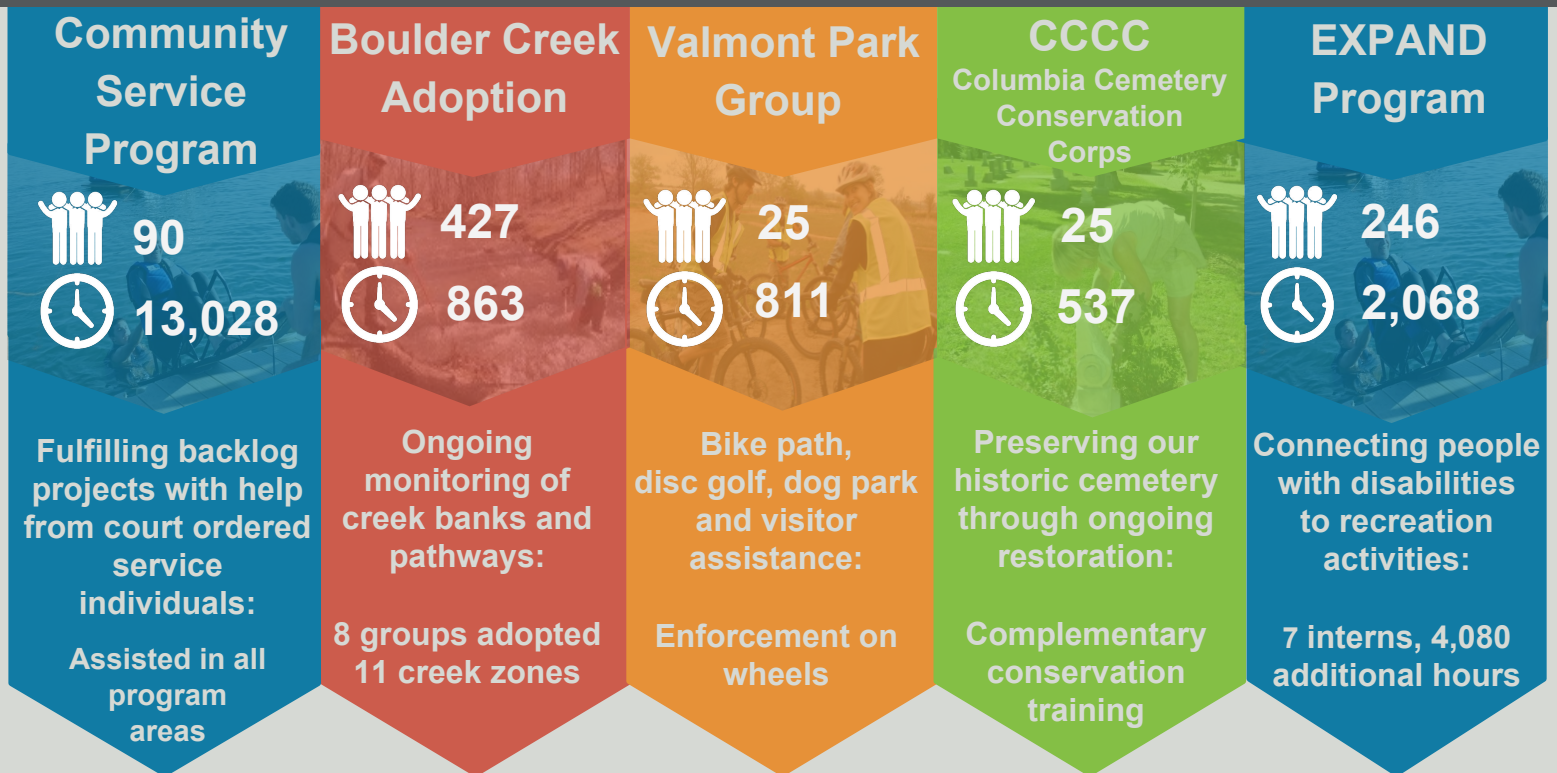
"Spending the day **improving** a beautiful location."

- Project Volunteer





# Recurring Programs



Program volunteers make an ongoing commitment to support our public spaces, activities and initiatives.





# Alber Lifetime Achievement Award

Each year, the ***Alber Lifetime Achievement Award*** recognizes an individual or group whose volunteer work exhibits extraordinary dedication to our parks, programs and services. First presented and named after Alma and Richard Alber in 2014 for their decades of service; this award has been presented annually to the following stewards:



Alma and Richard Alber

**2014:** Alma & Richard Alber: EXPAND + Scott Carpenter

**2015:** Mary McRoberts, Columbia Cemetery Conservation Corps (CCCC)

**2016:** Boulder Fish & Game Club, Kids Fishing Pond

**2017:** John Lowe & John Wallace, EXPAND's unified sports + music programing



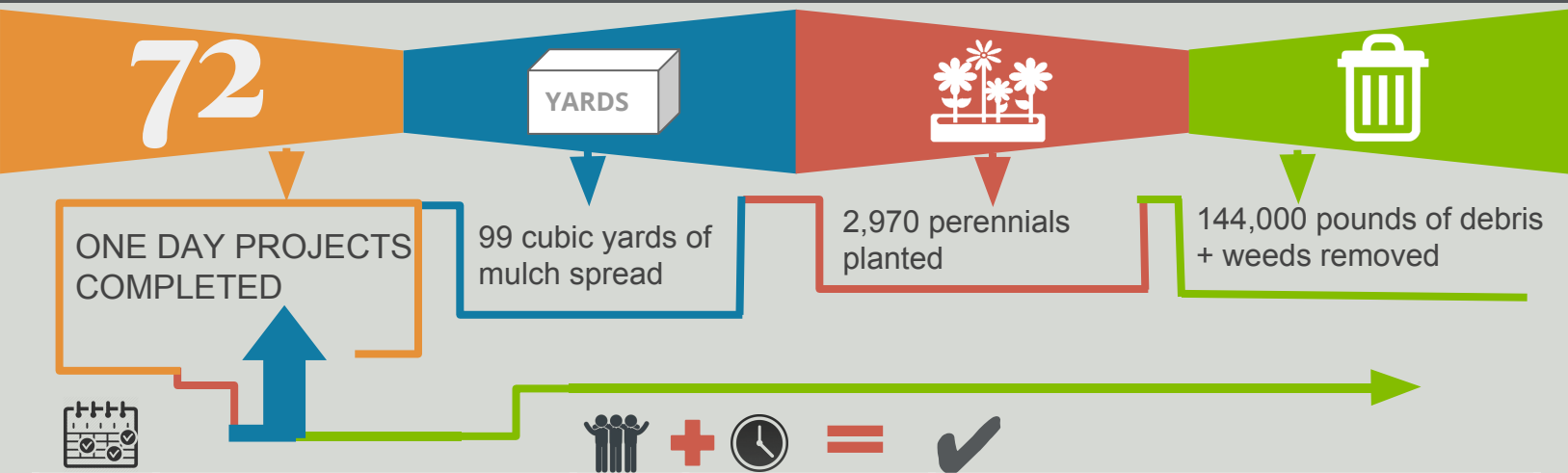
John Wallace, right, known as “Big John,” has dedicated his time and talents to achieving improved lives for individuals with developmental disabilities through EXPAND’s unified athletics program.

John Lowe, left, known as “Little John,” began his journey through unified sports but transpired his love for volunteerism and music into creating a new music class for EXPAND called, “More than Noise & Notes.”

Both are awarded not only for decades of civic service but for the friendship and laughter they bring our community.



# One Day Projects



	15th Annual Community Cleanup Day	234	587	→	cleanup + plantings across <b>9</b> parks
	Prep the Rez	139	417	→	removed <b>60</b> cubic yards of debris
	National Public Lands Day	162	336	→	transplanted <b>11</b> bags of iris rhizomes
	Pearl Street Plantings	8	20	→	planted <b>1,160</b> plants in <b>7</b> garden beds
	Park Beautification & Cleanups	731	1,717	→	projects across <b>11</b> parks + <b>3</b> facilities
	Reservoir Invasive Species Removal	12	36	→	<b>12</b> bags of teasle removed on <b>3</b> acres
	Coot Lake Trail Restoration	14	42	→	restored <b>2</b> trail miles + <b>4</b> new entrances
	Historic Grave Marker Mapping	2	260	→	<b>670</b> grave markers mapped with GIS
	Boulder Creek Cleanups	57	139	→	<b>53</b> bags of trash removed by <b>5</b> groups
	Dog Days Event Crew	45	200	→	<b>14</b> Dog Dayz <b>5</b> volunteer leads
	Playground Maintenance	69	195	→	spread <b>11+</b> yards of playground material
	Tree Plantings	26	78	→	<b>30</b> trees planted in <b>2</b> different parks
	Tulip Bulb Sorting	57	139	→	filled <b>15</b> crates for winter storage



# Park Partners

In 2017, we launched Park Partners - a program designed to fit growing initiatives of social responsibility and local giving led by organizations that call Boulder home. Each Park Partner commits to one or more project annually. In return, we provide them first choice in selecting a project and special recognition. This year, we engaged 287 volunteers, from 6 Park Partners, who participated in 13 projects.

**2 impacts,**  
1 project,  
removing  
**30 cubic yards** of  
debris and  
providing food and  
**supplies for 200**  
"Prep the Rez"  
volunteers



**1 project,**  
removing **10+ bags**  
of weeds and  
distributing  
**8+ cubic yards of**  
**mulch** at North  
Boulder Rec Center

**2 projects,**  
restoring over  
**2 miles** of trail at  
Coot Lake and  
removing **10+ bags**  
of weeds from  
Tom Watson Park



**2 projects,**  
distributing over  
**30 cubic yards** of  
landscape material  
at Greenleaf Park  
and keeping **500 +**  
**pups safe** at  
Dog Dayz

**5 projects,**  
**10 volleyball courts**  
and planting  
**1,160 plants** at the  
reservoir, trimming  
**20 feet of bushes** at  
Foothills Park and sorting  
**15 crates of tulips** for  
Pearl Street Mall



**2 projects,**  
planting 5 trees at  
Harlow Platts Park  
and **90 flats of**  
**flowers** on Pearl  
Street Mall





# Looking Forward

2018

## New Initiatives & Opportunities



We're excited to continue our long-standing relationship with our non-profit partner, PLAY Boulder Foundation. Since 1976, PLAY has created excellence in parks and recreation through philanthropy, education and advocacy. To volunteer with PLAY contact: [info@playboulder.org](mailto:info@playboulder.org).

### VOLUNTEER @ 2018 EVENTS

- MARCH 10** Urban Forest Strategic Plan Open House @ Upslope Brewing
- APRIL 21** Boulder Tree Recovery @ McGuckin Hardware
- 21** Prep the Rez Volunteer Day
- MAY 19** Community Clean Up Day (Rotating)
- 26 - 28** Boulder Creek Festival ©
- JUNE 16 + 17** Weekend at Valmont @ Valmont Bike Park
- 18** Concerts in the Park (Mondays until 7/30)
- AUGUST 17 + 24** Creekside Concerts @ Civic Area
- SEPTEMBER 7** Creekside Film @ Civic Area
- Dog Dayz** (14 days of paws + pools)
- 29** National Public Lands Day (Rotating)

### JOIN OUR EVENTS TEAM!

Boulder Parks and Recreation and PLAY Boulder Foundation are excited to offer experiences in leading community building and engagement events. From bike park expos to creekside soirées - join us in activating our urban parks and public spaces.





# Our Citywide Impact



Accomplished Together. Impacted Citywide.

*Our mission is to support a community of service.*

*Our vision is an integrated network of resources and opportunities to strengthen community stewardship.*

We are continually working together to strengthen the following city departments, work groups, programs and projects:

**Boulder Public Library** **COLUMBIA CEMETERY** *Oral History*  
**CONSERVATION CORPS** **Open Space and Mountain Parks**  
*COURT ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE* **Public Works** **Human Services**  
**Adopt a Median** *BIRDS OF SPECIAL CONCERN* **TRAILHEAD RESTORATION**  
**SENIOR PROGRAMING** **Adopt a Highway** **SENIOR RESOURCES** **ADOPT A PARK**  
**Boulder Parks and Recreation** **RAPTOR MONITORS**  
*VALMONT BIKE GROUP* *KIDS CORNER CHILD CARE* **FAMILY SERVICES** **EXPAND** **Adopt a Road**  
**Boulder Office of Arts & Culture** *Adult Literature* **TRAIL GUIDES** **BOULDER CREEK ADOPTION**  
**AGRICULTURAL + LOCAL FOODS** **ADOPT A FLOWERBED** **MEDIATION** **Boulder Police Department** *Boulder Reads*  
**Community Vitality** **City Manager's Office**





Boulder Parks and Recreation Staff in Action - 2017 Day of Service

# Thank You

To all who supported the Parks and Recreation Department in 2017. We look forward to working with you in 2018!

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